

South United Methodist Church



~ Welcome to South Church ~

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*May 5, 2024*

9:30am Traditional Service with Chancel Choir

Pastor: John Marshall, Jr.  
Director of Music: Earle Bidwell  
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Nursery Coordinator: Michele Sawyers  
Director of Ministries: Terry Marshall  
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Retired Clergy: Rev. Richard Thompson  
Missionary: Dr. Belinda Forbes, Nicaragua

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*Our focus Scripture verses today is Acts 10:36b, NLT*  
there is peace with God through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all.

### Order of Worship

Case Memorial Chime Alberta Hoagland

Prelude: "Sonata On the First Tone" by Jose Lidon 1752-1827

Welcome

Announcements

\*Call to Worship

L: Salvation comes from our God who sits on the throne

P: and from the Lamb.

\*Hymn: "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" in bulletin

Theme for Today: "God accepts all who believe in Him"

Opening Prayer

The Nicene Creed from UMH no. 880

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty

maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, light from light,

true God from true God, begotten not made of one

Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the

Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right

hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge

the Living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic\* and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen. \*universal

Hymn: "Give Thanks" in bulletin

A Time for the Young (and young at heart):

Kids are invited to go forward for the Children's story. CHILDREN'S CHURCH IS BACK! ALL children Pre-K through Gr. 7 are invited. Required forms are available in class, ONE FORM (for the year) PER CHILD PLEASE. Newcomers are ALWAYS welcome! Check with an Usher if you need directions

Anthem: "Jesus United By Thy Grace"\*\*\*

Prayer for the People: Please submit requests to either  
prayer@southumc.com or 860-337-2793

### The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is  
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our  
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us  
not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the  
kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### Prayer Response

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-45, NLT

Message: "Welcome Home" JT Himmelstein

Offering: Please place your offering in the plate or submit on line or our  
website or by text. Details later in the bulletin. Thank you!

\*Doxology: Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" in bulletin

\*Blessing

\*Postlude

\* Please stand if you are able

\*\* The Chancel Choir

NLT New Living Translation

-Grace Greater Than Our Sin - vs 1, 3 & 4

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb  
was spilt.

REFRAIN: Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse  
within; grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can avail to wash it away? Look! There is  
flowing a crimson tide, brighter than snow you may be today. REFRAIN

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe! You that  
are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? REFRAIN

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WORDS: Julia H. Johnston, 1911 (Rom. 5:20)

-Give Thanks-

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give  
thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. Give thanks with a  
grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's  
given Jesus Christ his Son.

REPEAT

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WORDS: Henry Smith (Luke 1:49-53)

-Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus- vs 1, 2 & 4

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word; just to rest  
upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

REFRAIN Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and  
o'er! Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood; and in  
simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood! REFRAIN

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend; and I  
know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end. REFRAIN

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WORDS: Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882



We are glad you are here today! We pray you feel God's presence as you enter here and worship with us. If you would like to know more about us, please check out our website at [www.southumc.com](http://www.southumc.com) Again, welcome and we hope to see you again soon!



Today's Altar flowers are given in loving memory of:  
Faith and Elsie McGugan and Phoebe McClelland  
By Bill McGugan

Today's Altar flowers are given in loving memory of:  
Her parents, Ruth and Bill Duncan  
By Elaine Holcomb & Family

Today's Altar flowers are given in loving memory of:  
Sally Marshall and In honor of Terry Marshall  
By Pastor John Marshall and family

If you would like to place Altar flowers on a Sunday,  
Please call Barbara Giggie at 860-643-6975

### SUMC Children's Church. . .

Children's Church for Pre-K through **Grade 7** is happening today! The Session begins at 9:45am (following the Children's moment) and will conclude at the end of the service. **Please plan to pick-up your child in the Upper Ed Wing after 9:30am service concludes.** NEEDED FORMS are available in class. One form PER CHILD (per year) Newcomers are always welcome! **Nursery care is also available for kids age 3 and under for the 9:30am service.** Ask an Usher if you need directions!



### \*\*\*Youth Group TODAY\*\*\*

Text JT at 623-670-2612 for info about upcoming events.

**NEWCOMERS are always welcome!**



**The Social Justice Class.** Class is studying the damage we people are doing to our planet, and we'd like to invite you to join us in taking one step forward each month. That one change in your life won't save the earth, but it's a start. This month, we're holding up the possibility of cutting

back on your dependence on single use plastics. So keep asking yourself: is there a better way of packaging things, storing things, purchasing things, ...and try it. And if it works, tell us about it.

### Focus on The Little Pantry!

Thanks for your generosity, and please keep that up! For the next few weeks, we're asking you to focus on some specific items that are most in demand, to help keep our stockroom filled: canned meals with POP TOP LIDS. For example, Chef Boyardee pasta meals; or hearty soups. It's important to purchase items with pop top lids, as much of the population using our little pantry isn't taking these items back to a stocked kitchen with a can opener. Please continue to bring any and all items, as always; just maybe grab an extra few of these items from time to time as well! If you have questions about how to best serve the pantry, see Earle Bidwell. Thanks for serving. Matt 25:40.



### NEXT SUNDAY 5/12/24 AT SUMC

**9:30am; Traditional (Sanctuary)**  
w/ Children's Message & Chancel Choir  
**9:45am-10:30am; Kids Own Worship (Pre-K-Gr. 7)**  
**10:30-11:15am; Fellowship Time between Services**  
in Reception Hall  
**11:30am - Contemporary (in The Café)**  
w/ Children's Message & Wildfire Worship Band  
**6:00pm - Youth Group (Gr. 8-12)**  
Text; 623-670-2612 for info

### SUMC Office Hours for 5/6 - 5/10

Mon: **OPEN 9am-Noon**  
Tues: **CLOSED**  
Wed: **OPEN 9am-Noon; OPEN 5-8pm**  
Thurs: **OPEN 5-8pm**  
Fri: **OPEN 9am-Noon**

**Church Office Phone: 860-647-9141**

If you need to reach Pastor John or Terry for any reason  
**Please call them at the parsonage at 860-643-4014.**



### ADULT STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

**Cup of Joy for Women** – Something New 4/29-5/20! We meet **Mondays at 6:30pm** in The Café. Contact Patti at; [pattilf@aol.com](mailto:pattilf@aol.com) for more details. Newcomers are ALWAYS welcome!

**Prayer 101** – **Tuesday at 5:30pm** in Reception Hall. Newcomers are encouraged and welcome. Contact Marnie at; [prayer@southumc.com](mailto:prayer@southumc.com) for more details.

**Upper Room Study** - ongoing but newcomers welcome meets **Wednesdays at 7:30am** in Reception Hall. Contact Bill at; [runbillrun01@gmail.com](mailto:runbillrun01@gmail.com) for more details.

**Social Justice Class** - ongoing but newcomers welcome meets **Sundays from 10:40-11:30am** in the Upstairs Classroom opposite the Library Join us as we discuss Matthew Sleeth's book "Serve God, Save The Planet: A Christian Call to Action" Contact Jeff at [gjkieft@yahoo.com](mailto:gjkieft@yahoo.com) for more details.

### SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would like Pastor John to pray over your requests during our Sunday Morning services... please submit them via email to: [prayer@southumc.com](mailto:prayer@southumc.com) or call: **860-337-2793 by Sat. morning each week.**

### THANK YOU for your support of SUMC

People are being reached with the love of God because of our combined commitment to Christ through SUMC and our shared ministries. You can support our church ministries:

- \*Through the "Giving" tab on our website
- \*Through Text giving; the number is 860-512-7185
- \*Through Mailing a check to the church address above

Please return your 2024 pledge card ASAP Thank you!  
**PLEASE NOTE:** Annual giving statements have been mailed, if you do not receive yours please contact; [financialsecretary@southumc.com](mailto:financialsecretary@southumc.com)



We are still Rising Against Hunger. The program is not until 10:00 am to 12:00 noon on Saturday, June 1, but we need to get our workers and our finances in order well before then. We are off to a great start, but we still have a way to go. Stop by the table in Reception Hall after the 9:30 service or check in with us before the 11:30 service in The Cafe. If you haven't been involved before, feel free to ask us any questions you want; it is a great experience for people of almost any age.

### Rebuilding Together

Thank you to all the South United Methodist team members that gave their time and talents to help a Manchester homeowner.



### Cup of Joy

Monday evenings we will be having fun with Drop in Pop Up Topics. All women are invited, it is sure to be a lot of fun. Come and join us in The Café at 6:30pm – refreshments are provided!! We will do Pop Up Table Topics through May 20<sup>th</sup>. Contact Patti LaForest if you have any questions – [pattilf@aol.com](mailto:pattilf@aol.com).



- \*Sun. 05/05; at 9:10am; Chancel Choir Reh. (Choir Room)
- \*Sun. 05/05; at 9:30am; Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
- \*Sun. 05/05; at 9:45am; Children's Church (Upper Ed. Wing)
- \*Sun. 05/05; at 11:30am; Contemporary Service (in The Café)
- \*Sun. 05/05; at 6:00pm; Youth Group text 623-670-2612 for info.
- \*Mon. 05/06; at 6:30pm; Cup of Joy (in The Café)
- \*Tues. 05/07; at 5:30pm; Prayer 101 (Reception Hall)
- \*Tues. 05/07 at 7:00pm; Outreach Committee (Reception Hall)
- \*Wed. 05/08; at 7:30am; Upper Room Study (Reception Hall)
- \*Wed. 05/08; at 6:30pm; Wesley Ringers (Bell Loft)
- \*Wed. 05/08; at 7:30pm; Concert Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
- \*Sun. 05/12; at 9:10am; Chancel Choir Reh. (Choir Room)
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